

California to look at latest IARC findings for potential Prop 65 expansion

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California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment is reviewing the International Agency for Research on Cancer's (IARC) recent release of monographs formalizing carcinogenicity classification, reported *Chemical Watch*. The decision will determine if the state should list four substances as carcinogens under Proposition 65 (Prop 65), which will obligate certain companies to warn consumers of possible exposure to these compounds.

The law's labor code of mechanism is to be applied when considering adding carcinogens identified by IARC to Prop 65. Sheppard Mullin partner Jeffrey Parker commented that the mechanism "requires" incorporation of the compounds in question as a result of the group 2A and group 2B IARC monograph classification. The article then further speculates that the substances' adoption under Prop 65 could increase litigation targeting businesses whose offerings may contain at least one of them.

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